IN THE CLAIMS:

    1-9.   (Canceled)

    10.   (Currently Amended) A method for restricting access to electronic books displayed on a viewer, the method comprising:

        storing an encrypted electronic book on a viewer, the electronic book having a plurality of pages;

        receiving a request to view the electronic book; [[and]]

        performing error correction; and

        decrypting the pages for viewing on a page-by-page basis, including:

            retrieving a selected page;

            ecrypting and displaying the selected page; and

            encrypting the selected page when no longer displayed.

    11.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 wherein the decrypting the pages step includes decrypting the pages on a page-by-page basis upon receiving a unique key associated with the electronic book.

    12.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 wherein the receiving step includes displaying a menu providing an identification of the electronic book for selection.

    13.   (Currently Amended) A method for restricting access to electronic books displayed on a viewer, the method comprising:

        storing an electronic book on a viewer;

associating an identification of the electronic book with a unique viewer;

[[and]]

performing error correction; and

restricting access to the electronic book to the unique viewer for display on the unique viewer.

14.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, further including displaying a menu providing an identification of the electronic book for selection.

15.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14 wherein the restricting step includes:

receiving an identification of the viewer; and

determining if the identification of the viewer corresponds with the unique viewer.

16.   (Currently Amended) A method for restricting access to electronic books displayed on a viewer, the method comprising:

storing an electronic book on a viewer;

associating a time parameter with the electronic book; [[and]]

performing error correction; and

restricting access to the electronic book, for display of the electronic book on the viewer, based upon the time parameter.

17.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, further including deleting the electronic book from the viewer based upon the time parameter.

18.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17 wherein the deleting step includes automatically erasing the electronic book from the viewer upon expiration of a particular time period.

19.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16 wherein the restricting step includes providing permanent storage of the electronic book on the viewer.

20.   (Currently Amended) A method for restricting access to electronic books displayed on a viewer, the method comprising:

        storing an electronic book on a viewer;

        storing an identification of a viewer unique key;

        encrypting the stored electronic book based upon the viewer unique key; [[and]]

        performing error correction; and

        decrypting the electronic book only upon receipt of the viewer unique key.

21.   (Currently Amended) A portable viewer for displaying electronic books, comprising:

        a memory for storing instructions;

        a memory for storing electronic books; and

        a display for displaying the electronic books; and

        a processor that operates under control of the instructions and is capable of:

                storing an encrypted electronic book on the viewer;

                receiving a request to view the electronic book; [[and]]

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performing error correction; and

decrypting the encrypted electronic book for viewing on a page-by-page basis following a decrypting process that comprises:

retrieving a selected page;

decrypting and displaying the selected page; and

encrypting the selected page when no longer displayed.

22.   (Previously Presented) The portable viewer of claim 21 wherein the processor is further capable of decrypting the pages on a page-by-page basis upon receiving a unique key associated with the electronic book.

23.   (Previously Presented) The portable viewer of claim 21 wherein the processor is further capable of displaying a menu providing an identification of the electronic book for selection.

24.   (Currently Amended) A portable viewer for displaying electronic books, comprising:

a memory for storing instructions;

a memory for storing electronic books,

a display for displaying the electronic books; and

a processor that operates under control of the instructions and is capable of:

storing an electronic book on the viewer;

associating an identification of the electronic book with a unique viewer; [[and]]

performing error correction; and

restricting access to the electronic book to the unique viewer for

display on the unique viewer.

25.   (Previously Presented) The portable viewer of claim 24, wherein the

processor is further capable of displaying a menu providing an identification of the

electronic book for selection.

26.   (Previously Presented) The portable viewer of claim 25 wherein the

processor is further capable of:

receiving an identification of the viewer; and

determining if the identification of the viewer corresponds with the unique

viewer.

27.   (Currently Amended) A portable viewer for displaying electronic books,

comprising:

a memory for storing instructions;

a memory for storing electronic books;

a display for displaying the electronic books; and

a processor that operates under control of the instructions and is capable

of:

storing an electronic book on the viewer;

associating a time parameter with the electronic book; [[and]]

performing error correction; and

restricting access to the electronic book, for display of the electronic

book on the viewer, based upon the time parameter.

28.   (Previously Presented) The portable viewer of claim 27, wherein the

processor is further capable of deleting the electronic book from the viewer based upon

the time parameter.

29.   (Previously Presented) The portable viewer of claim 28 wherein the

processor is further capable of automatically erasing the electronic book from the viewer

upon expiration of a particular time period.

30.   (Previously Presented) The portable viewer of claim 27, wherein the

processor is further capable of providing permanent storage of the electronic book on

the viewer.

31.   (Currently Amended) A portable viewer for displaying electronic books,

comprising:

        a memory for storing instructions;

        a memory for storing electronic books;

        a display for displaying the electronic books; and

        a processor that operates under control of the instructions and is capable

of:

                storing an electronic book on the viewer;

                storing an identification of a viewer unique key;

                encrypting the stored electronic book based upon the viewer unique

        key; [[and]]

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performing error correction; and

decrypting the electronic book only upon receipt of the viewer

unique key.

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